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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Jocelyn G. Boyd  
Chief Clerk/Administrator  
**Public Service Commission of South Carolina**  
Post Office Drawer 11649  
Columbia, SC 29210

**Re: South Carolina Energy Freedom Act (House Bill 3659) Proceeding to Address S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-27-460(A)(1) and S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-27-460(A)(2) (Promulgation and Periodic Review of Standards for Interconnection and Parallel Operation of Generating Facilities to an Electrical Utility's Distribution and Transmission System)  
Docket No. 2019-326-E**

Dear Ms. Boyd:

I am writing on behalf of Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc. ("DESC"), Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC ("DEC"), Duke Energy Progress, LLC ("DEP" and together with DEC, the "Duke Companies"), Carolinas Clean Energy Business Association ("CCEBA"), and Southern Current, LLC ("Southern Current"). DESC, the Duke Companies, CCEBA, and Southern Current are referred to collectively as the "Interested Parties." Pursuant to Order No. 2020-825 issued in this docket on December 16, 2020, the Interested Parties submit this progress report to the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the "Commission") on the status of stakeholder engagement under "Phase 2" of the interconnection-reform process in this docket.

As previously described to the Commission, certain interconnection reforms under Phase 1 (the "Initial Reforms") were proposed in this docket on November 17, 2020.<sup>1</sup> Those reforms included generic revisions to the South Carolina Generator Interconnection Procedures (the "SCGIP") that permit utilities to engage in a Cluster Study interconnection process, while establishing a specific Cluster Study process for the Duke Companies.

The Interested Parties are encouraged by the progress to date relating to the Phase 1 reforms. On February 10, 2021, the Commission approved the Initial Reforms. Likewise, DESC

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<sup>1</sup> This November filing was intended to permit the Duke Companies to timely implement the interconnection study reforms across each of their jurisdictions, referred to as "Queue Reform," and DESC reserved its right at the time to propose interconnection study reforms specific to DESC in the future.

has initiated its own stakeholder process to review its own queue management reforms—such as implementing “cluster studies”—and held its first stakeholder meeting to solicit feedback on those additional reforms on February 10, 2021.<sup>2</sup>

Phase 2 of the proposed interconnection reforms in this docket will include revisions to the SCGIP that are not impacted by Phase 1 revisions. The Interested Parties anticipate that the first stakeholder meeting under Phase 2 will occur sometime in the second quarter of this year, but the date of that first meeting has not yet been set and will be impacted by the ongoing discussions among the Interested Parties. The Interested Parties are encouraged by the discussions to date, and will update the Commission on these efforts no later than May 30, 2021, in accordance with Order No. 2020-825.

The Interested Parties believe the collaborative processes under Phase 1 and Phase 2 benefit all parties involved, and the Interested Parties appreciate the Commission's attention to these matters.

Sincerely,



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cc: (Via Electronic Mail)  
All Parties of Record

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<sup>2</sup> DESC's second stakeholder meeting is scheduled for April 15, 2021.